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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MAAG REQUIREMENT STUDY

REF: A) STATE 119079, B) ROME 7147, MAY 17, 1974 (NOTAL)

1. THIS MISSION HAS BEEN ON RECORD SINCE MAY 1974  
AS FAVORING THE ESTABLISHMENT HERE OF A SINGLE DOD POINT  
OF INTERFACE AND COORDINATION WITH ITALIAN MILITARY  
AUTHORITIES. I CONTINUE TO HOLD TO THAT VIEW AS  
EXPRESSED IN REFERENCE B.

2. OUR ORIGINAL PROPOSAL WOULD HAVE MERGED MOST OF THE  
CURRENT FUNCTIONS OF THE MAAG INTO A SOMEWHAT EXPANDED DEFENSE  
ATTACHE OFFICE. THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION (PARA. 1, REF B)  
WOULD, OF COURSE, PROHIBIT TRANSFER OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE  
FUNCTIONS TO THE DAO FROM THE MAAG. WE UNDERSTAND,  
HOWEVER, THAT CERTAIN RESIDUAL MAAG FUNCTIONS, SUCH  
AS THE ROLE OF COUNTRY CONTACT OFFICER, COULD READILY  
BE ASSUMED BY DATT UNDER EXISTANT DOD AND EUCOM  
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REGULATIONS, A MOVE WHICH I WOULD ENDORSE.

3. CONCERNING SECURITY ASSISTANCE, WE BELIEVE THAT OVER THE NEAR-TO-MID TERM THAT THREE PERSONNEL WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY IN CARRYING OUT THOSE FUNCTIONS NOW PERFORMED BY MAAG UNDER STATUTORY OBLIGATION OR BECAUSE OF INHERENT IMPORTANCE, SUCH AS USE AND FINAL DISPOSITION OF MAP PROPERTY, LOGISTIC SUPPORT (E.G., SPARE PARTS FOR AMERICAN SYSTEMS IN THE GOI INVENTORY) AND ADVICE ON TRAINING UNDER FMS. HOWEVER, THE LEVEL OF THREE OFFICERS IS IN THE RIGHT RANGE, ONE WHICH I WOULD SUPPORT PROVIDED THERE IS SOME FLEXIBILITY INVOLVED IN TOTAL STAFFING, E.G., SECRETARIAL SUPPORT. VOLPE

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